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MUNICIPALITY OF CAINTA
Province of Rizal



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD AT
THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, CAINTA, RIZAL
ON MARCH 20, 2023 AT 10:00 IN THE MORNING**

PRESENT:

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HON. JOSE A. FERRER	---	SB Member/ABC President
HON. ROMINA CASSANDRA G. VALENCIA	---	SB Member/SK President

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-010

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HALINA'T
MAGTANIM NG PRUTAS AT GULAY (HAPAG) SA BARANGAY PROJECT IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF CAINTA, RIZAL**

Sponsored by: Councilor Ezekiel Tajuna

WHEREAS, the economy of the Philippines depends heavily on the agricultural sector, thus challenges encountered, especially by farmers, have negative effects on the food security in the country;

WHEREAS, given its geographic location, the Philippines experienced numerous threats to food security brought about by strings of natural calamities that have rendered far produce unusable or increased food prices due to food shortage;

WHEREAS, to address the problem of hunger and food insecurity in the Philippines, the national government enacted several laws and implemented various initiatives and strategies to ensure sustainable and resilient production and food availability throughout the country;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government thru its Memorandum Circular 2023-001 shows its support in cognizant of the role of the barangay as essential partners of the national government in contributing to address hunger and ensuring food security in the country thru the Halina't Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG) sa barangay project;

WHEREAS, HAPAG project aims to strengthen the capacities of barangay towards sustainable agricultural initiatives. One of which is the intensification and fostering of agricultural activities and communities will be encourage to produce fresh, healthy and affordable fruits and vegetables from their backyard spaces, through the establishment of community gardens in the barangay with vacant areas;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN IN A SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the HAPAG Ordinance of Cainta, Rizal.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy

- a. To encourage the practice of agriculture that will provide food on the table of needy families in the community;
- b. To create greener and productive spaces in the municipality, curbing the increasing problem of air pollution and other negative impact of commercialization;
- c. To use agricultural techniques that will reduce the cost required to transport food, making healthier foods more readily available to the public and provide food sustainability in the municipality;
- d. To enhance productivity by making use idle lots and open spaces;
- e. To alleviate poverty through self-sustaining programs such as backyard-to-table programs;
- f. To create and maintain a network of green spaces in order to maintain a healthy biodiversity;

Section 3. Definition of Terms. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

Barangay Community Garden – a piece of land or several patches of land operated and cultivated by the barangay for the purpose of planting and growing vegetables and fruit-bearing trees.

Aeroponics – is the process of growing plants in the air or mist environment without soil or an aggregate medium.

Aquaponics – a bio system that incorporated recirculated aquaculture or fish farming with hydroponic vegetables and herbs production to create symbiotic relationship between the plants and the fish.

Container Gardening – micro model farming where family unit or household is producing fruits and vegetable in special containers for personal consumption.

Fruit Bearing Tree Planting – refers to the planting of fruit bearing trees for food production purposes such as papaya, bananas, mango etc.

Hydroponics – a method of growing food using mineral nutrients solutions in water without soil.

Square Foot Gardening – is a simple method of creating small orderly and highly productive kitchen garden.

Vertical Gardening – special kind of urban gardening suitable for small spaces, particularly for decorating the walls and roofs in various styles.

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Section 4. Mandatory Establishment of Barangay Community Garden. It is hereby prescribed that each barangay, whether situated in the rural or urban area of the Municipality of Cainta, Rizal, must establish their own community garden. It shall have at least a minimum of two hundred (200) square meters of land area or its equivalent patches of land consisting of at least five (5) varieties of vegetables. However, barangays that do not have vacant areas, shall implement alternative gardening such as container gardening, vertical gardening, square foot gardening, hydroponics, aquaponics and aeroponics.

Barangays are encouraged to coordinate and request from the LGU for any vacant property owned by the local government to be utilized for the barangay community garden.

The Barangay Kagawad Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, in cooperation with Sangguniang Kabataan, shall be the focal person in maintaining and sustaining the community garden.

Section 5. Open Spaces in Public Schools. Public schools shall develop a vegetable gardening area within the school premises. Fresh produce shall be incorporated in healthy canteen food programs of the said school or be used in feeding or donation/relief programs of the school.

Section 6. Private Open Spaces. Idle lots owned by private individuals within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipality, without any development plan within the year may convert their lots into a vegetable garden. Concerned barangay shall help facilitate any form of legal arrangements with the owner until such time that development on the lot shall commence.

Section 7. Participation of Barangays. The seven Barangays of the Municipality is encouraged to formulate its own short, medium and long-term programs with specific budget allocation from its annual budget for the maintenance of the Barangay Community Garden.

Section 8. Collaboration with the Private Sector. The efforts of the civil society organizations in promoting organic gardening to the passage of this ordinance are recognized. The municipality and the barangay are encouraged to enjoin the participation of the private sector in the promotion, propagation development and implementation of organic agriculture from production and use of agricultural bio-system techniques.

Section 9. Incentives. The municipal government shall grant incentives and awards to barangays with outstanding community garden during the annual Agri-Fair and Nutrition Month celebration every month of July.

Section 10. Capacity Building. To sustain and broaden the base for the implementation of this ordinance within sixty (60) days from effectivity and periodically thereafter, the Municipal Agriculture Office, shall develop and conduct series of orientation, seminars and trainings for the development and proper care of the barangay community garden to be funded by the municipal government.

Section 11. Promotion of Urban Organic Agriculture. The Municipal Agriculturist shall endeavor to promote urban organic gardening by utilizing new technologies and taking advantage of ecological solid waste. The office shall endeavor to provide free organic fertilizer and biopesticides.

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Section 12. Sustainability and Institutionalization. The Barangay Nutrition Scholars of the barangays shall maintain a record of stunted children ages 0-59 months and shall be the primary beneficiaries of the organic produce of the barangay community gardens.

Section 13. Appropriation. The Municipal Government shall appropriate substantial budget to ensure the implementation of this ordinance.

Section 14. Separability Clause. If any part of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts unaffected shall continue to remain valid and in effect.

Section 15. Repealing Clause. All ordinance, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance or any part thereof are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 16. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

Let copies of this Ordinance be furnished all concerned offices for their information, guidance and implementation.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan in its Regular Session held on March 20, 2023.


BLARDONI C. MALLARI
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Approved by the Sangguniang Bayan Members:


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